

REMARKS

By this Preliminary Amendment, claims 1-18 are canceled and new claims 19-23 are added. In addition, the Specification has been amended by inserting a reference to the parent application U.S. Application No. 09/507,380, filed February 22, 2000.

In the parent application, in the Final Office Action, the Examiner: (1) objected to each of claims 19-33 as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but otherwise allowable if rewritten in independent form; and (2) rejected claims 2-6, 8-12, 14-18 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Rogers et al. (U.S. Patent No. 5,946,386) in view of Miner et al. (U.S. Patent No. 5,652,789).

Claims 19-23, which correspond to rejected claims 2-6 of the parent application, are patentable at least because, as explained earlier, Rogers does not teach a combination including "receiving a signal indicating a selection to view messages identifying a particular destination and modifying the view of the subject of the input messages based on the received signal." In this respect, as explained earlier, Rogers merely discusses launching "the FAX selection subscreen" upon selection of the "FAX" button. Accordingly, at least for this reason Applicants respectfully seek timely allowance of claims.

Further, Applicants respectfully submit that the Examiner has not offered any evidence of a suggestion or motivation to combine Rogers and Miner in the manner suggested by the Examiner. The Examiner merely offers a generalized desire to save time as the basis for combining Rogers and Miner. December 15, 2003 Final Office Action, page 10, paragraph (b). Applicants respectfully submit that the generalized


desire to save time does not rise to the level of evidence required by Section 103 for combining two references. Accordingly, for this additional reason Applicants seek allowance of claims 19-23.

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